

**TREMONTON CITY CORPORATION  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 15, 2014**

Members Present:

Roger Fridal, Mayor  
Diana Doutre  
Lyle Holmgren  
Jeff Reese  
Shawn Warnke, City Manager  
Darlene S. Hess, Recorder

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Mayor Fridal called the December 15, 2014 City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Meeting Room at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton, Utah. Those in attendance were Tremonton Mayor Fridal, Councilmembers Doutre, Holmgren, and Reese, City Manager Shawn Warnke, Recorder Darlene S. Hess, Treasurer Sharri Oyler and Fire Chief Steve Batis. Councilmembers Bret Rhode and Byron Wood were excused from the meeting.

Also in attendance:

Fielding Town Council: Mayor Chuck Earl, Councilmembers Matt Petersen, Shane Marsh, and Kirk Coombs. Fielding Fire Department members: Jerry Todd Richards and Brian Garn.

Tremonton Fire Department: Larry Robison, Blair Westergard, Jim Reeder, David Herron, Jeff Bonham, Russell Thornley, Collette Anderson, Jeff Oyler, Marc Chadaz, Carter Rich, James Munns, Mark Thompson, Trevon Cutler, Mike Chadwick and Jim Hess.

Nickie Richards, Box Elder Communications, Lisa Wilson, Box Elder Communications, Lynn Yeates, Box Elder County Sheriff, Randy Parsons, Box Elder EMS Council, and DellRay Anderson, M.D. Medical Director of EMS representing Tremonton City ambulance and Fielding Town Ambulance.

1. Opening Ceremony

Tremonton Mayor Fridal informed the audience that he had received no written or oral request to participate in the Opening Ceremony. He asked anyone who may be offended by listening to a prayer to step out into the lobby for this portion of the meeting. The prayer was offered by Councilmember Reese and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Holmgren.

2. Introduction of guests

Mayor Fridal asked everyone in attendance at this meeting to introduce them due to the

fact that not everyone in the audience knows those who are in attendance at this meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

Motion by Councilmember Dautre to approve the December 15, 2014 agenda. Second by Councilmember Reese. Vote: Councilmember Dautre – aye, Councilmember Holmgren – aye, and Councilmember Reese – aye. Motion approved.

4. Discussion

Mayor Fridal told the audience that he is was not aware of what the discussion will be so he will turn the time over to Tremonton Fire Chief Steve Batis.

Chief Batis told the audience that we will be following the agenda. Then he turned the time over to Lisa Wilson.

5. Overview of the concern expressed by Box Elder County Dispatch of ambulance service boundaries between Tremonton City and the Town of Fielding – Presenter to be determined

Lisa Wilson of Box Elder Communications informed those in attendance that the problem is the response to SR30 and 15200 North addresses along SR30. When people unfamiliar to the area call for an ambulance, it is difficult for Dispatch to send the correct Ambulance Service to that area. If it is a location with an address of 15200, Fielding Ambulance Service responds. If it is a location on SR30, Tremonton Ambulance Service responds. It is difficult for Dispatch to dispatch the correct ambulance service due to the 15200 addresses.

Ms. Wilson told the Councils that Box Elder Communications tried to figure out a solution, but there is a lot of confusion for Dispatch to decide which Ambulance Service responds to the addresses in this area as there are 15200 addresses on SR30. Dispatch can receive calls that have three different addresses on them, and it is very difficult to send the correct Ambulance Service to the call. Ms. Wilson told both departments that the only solution to this issue that she could come up with is to have Tremonton Ambulance Service respond to all addresses along SR30 and that she needed both departments to agree with this solution. Of course, both departments did not agree with her solution and she could not implement her solutions without an agreement from both departments. When the wrong department is dispatched, it is not done unintentionally by Dispatch. When the Box Elder Communications (Dispatch) could not work out or resolve the issue with Tremonton and Fielding EMS Service, they contacted the State EMS. The State EMS suggested that an informal meeting be held with both departments to negotiate the issue and come up with a decision. The State EMS did not want to make the decision. Fielding held a meeting to address the response area and a couple of proposals were presented at the meeting. A meeting was scheduled for Tremonton; however, Tremonton City Council canceled the meeting due to other commitments. When the issue was not decided within the timeframe allotted, Chief Steve Batis

contacted the State EMS and they gave the departments another 120 days to come up with a solution.

6. Town of Fielding's presentation of their proposal on ambulance service area boundary adjustments between Tremonton and Fielding's licensed service area – Fielding Representative

Chief Jerry Todd Richards, Fielding's Chief of Fire and EMS thanked the Councils for getting the departments together so they could sit down and discuss this issue to try to come up with a resolution to the boundary overlap between our two departments, our State licenses, and the problems it has caused our Box Elder County Dispatch. This process was originally started back on August 26 of this year at the request of Box Elder Communications (Dispatch Center) when a meeting was held at the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office at which time the State EMS Programmer Guy Dannie and Box Elder Representative Mary Goodwin officiated and explained how the process "could" or "would" be resolved. The could is that we as departments "could" make an agreement between ourselves which would be best for the State. If a solution could not be arrived at, then the State "would" step in and make the decision. Obviously reaching an agreement by both departments is the best solution.

Chief Richards presented to the Tremonton Mayor and City Councilmembers and Fielding Mayor and City Councilmembers in attendance Fielding's Proposal. He commented that there are three criteria which must be addressed:

1. Quality of care – both departments are Advanced EMS Services and has the same Qualifications; therefore, they are equal on quality of care
2. Cost of care – both departments are regulated by the State; therefore, there is not a difference on cost of care to the patient
3. Patient access – which equals mileage or time on response in being able to get care to the patient. This is really what it is going to come down to

At the meeting held at the Sheriff's Department, Fielding presented a proposal to the State and also to Chief Steve Batis and Assistant Chief Blair Westergard in hopes of alleviating our Dispatchers headache while meeting the State's criteria at the same time and most importantly keeping the residents and patients best interest in mind above all.

Chief Richards told the audience that he would like to present Fielding's proposal then he would answer any questions they would have afterwards.

Chief Richards distributed a handout to the Councils. He told all in attendance that due to Fielding's distance and time in regards to the area in question SR30 is the main issue. Collinston/Deweyville area is also a concern. To alleviate the dispatch and responder issue the Fielding proposed the following information:

Fielding will cover all of SR30 and anything with a 15200 North address, also encompassing all of mile marker 385 on I-15 and South of SR30 on SR38 to 13100

North.

With this, Tremonton would get Collinston/Deweyville area from 13099 North, south of 12000 North for both fire and EMS coverage. Also, if Fielding needs additional resources on SR30 or south thereof, a mutual aid agreement would be set up with Tremonton for additional ambulance resources when necessary.

In regards to the cost, patient access and quality of care, Fielding is licensed the same as Tremonton and the cost is not different between the two. Fielding has better patient access in the area in question due to closer distance and response time.

Fielding feels this is a great solution to the current situation and it would clear up any boundary issues between the two agencies. If agreed upon, Tremonton will gain fire coverage area that they have not had in the past and Fielding will be primary transport in our area which we currently respond to as a first responder. Chief Richards referred to the map attached to Fielding's proposal and a report comparing mileage and estimated time in minutes from each station to a specific location. Chief Richards discussed points of interest on the report. He told the Councils and audience that the detail, miles covered from both stations and response time were taken off of map quest. Fielding will respond to 12000 North SR38 as they currently have fire and first responder coverage to this area.

Chief Richards told the audience that this is the same information that was presented at the meeting in Fielding that Tremonton Fire Chief Batis and Assistant Fire Chief Blair Westergard attended.

In summary, Chief Richards concluded that Fielding's Proposal not only clears up the confusion for the Dispatch Center by creating a straight clear cut line all the way across on our boundaries at the same time making both fire and medical boundaries the exact same which Corey, the County Fire Marshall had expressed a concern over in the previous meeting. That is residents will have the closest fire department showing up at the scene on fire calls. Chief Richards thanked the Councils for their time. This is Fielding's Proposal.

7. Tremonton City's presentation of their proposal on ambulance service area boundary adjustments between Tremonton and Fielding's licensed service area – Larry Robison

Larry Robinson of the Tremonton City Fire Department told the Councils that Tremonton believes that this proposal addresses the following; however, patient care is the primary goal:

1. Provide the best care in a timely fashion to patients
2. Reduce confusion for Dispatch on boundaries
3. Clarify response plans for designated areas

There has been some confusion on response boundaries so Box Elder Communications intimated the meetings to discuss the issue.

When response was discussed, Fielding's Mayor Chuck Earl asked what Station 2 is. Mr. Robinson informed the audience that Station 2 is a proposed Station to be located on land that Tremonton City owns. When asked when it will be built, Mr. Robinson told the audience that it depends on funding.

Mr. Robinson stated that the current boundaries in question between the Fielding Fire Department and Tremonton Fire Department are:

- \* I-15
- \* SR -30 (15200) – it is confusing when a call comes in for addresses
- \* SR-38

The difference in Proposals are as follows:

Fielding

I-15 from SR-30 to Mile Marker (MM) 387  
SR30 (15200) to Cache/Box Elder County line  
South from SR30 to 13100 North

Tremonton

Cover I-15 to MM 387  
4800 West to MM 93  
North to 13700 North

In Fielding's response area, recommend that Tremonton be Fielding's backup ambulance.

Fielding will not be 1<sup>st</sup> Responder for Tremonton. We want ambulances to remain in their

Leave Plymouth to cover the Northern part  
Part of Box Elder County.

Response area. Tremonton will be 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance

When Councilmember Dautre asked where mile marker 93 is located, Mr. Robinson told the audience that they chose this location instead of an intersection as an intersection address can be confusing. It will give Fielding 8 miles to the County boundary on SR 30 and approximately 2 miles for Tremonton.

Benefit the patients and clarify confusion with Dispatch:

- \* I-15 – Tremonton responds to MM 387
- \* SR-30 (15200) - Tremonton covers West of 4800 West to MM 93
- \* SR-38 – Tremonton covers South of 13700 North

With this proposal, Fielding will lose 1 mile on I-15 and pick up a good portion of SR30 and a portion of SR38. Also in this proposal, Tremonton suggests that Fielding will not be 1<sup>st</sup> Responder for Tremonton. Tremonton proposes that ambulances remain in their response area and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance and subsequent other ambulances be from Tremonton. The reasoning behind this is that Fielding has an ambulance service which is great; therefore, Tremonton recommends that their ambulance remain in their response area.

Mr. Robinson told the Councils that Tremonton Fire Department has 35 active members

all of which live within Tremonton City. There are:

- \* 29 Advance EMTs
- \* 5 work in Town
- \* 15 work either swing, 48/96, 4 on 4 off, or other types of shift work
- \* 5 ambulances

Question was asked by Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn that Tremonton's Proposal still doesn't address the 15200 addresses. Why would you take out I-15 when Fielding is clearly closer? Mr. Robinson stated that Tremonton response is 6 miles on the Freeway going 80 miles an hour. Fielding is definitely closer; however, response time would be approximately the same with most of Tremonton's response time will be on the Freeway.

Councilmember Dautre asked for some input from Box Elder Communication's Lisa Wilson. She said that the Council can see that both Fire Departments are professional and trained and we appreciate all of you. But as far as Dispatch goes is it a slam dunk? It looks like it would be much better for Tremonton to respond especially in this area. Lisa Wilson told Councilmember Dautre that the one mile area on I-15 is confusing and she agreed with Councilmember Dautre that it would be better for Tremonton Fire Department to respond on I-15. Ms. Wilson told the Councils that both proposals will fix the issues that Dispatch has.

Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn asked to clarify the freeway. He stated that Fielding covers I-15 for fire coverage and first responder's medical from Mile Marker (MM) 385 to MM 389. We transport from MM 385.8 to MM 387. If you take us off on 387, we will still be getting on the freeway responding for a fire call. We made a concession with Plymouth that we would cut it off there. Fielding has already been responding on I-15 so if you cut it off there, there will be more confusion. Tremonton can respond and turnaround and go back and Fielding can respond and go north. Coming down SR30, Fielding covers that for fire and first responder. It is different as we transport for one and not the other. We don't feel that giving up I-15 is a good thing as it has always been there. Fielding is closer so it is best for the patient and fire response as we are closer than Tremonton.

Larry Robinson told the Councils that Garland has a first responder and Tremonton would like them to be the first responder for them. Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told Mr. Robinson that Garland is not part of this discussion. Mr. Robinson told Mr. Garn that Garland can respond faster as they are closer in some areas. So Tremonton would have first responders that can reach the location faster – just not Fielding. We propose that the first responders with ambulance service stay in their area. We would work with Garland on as first responders for Tremonton.

Councilmember Dautre commented that it just makes sense as far as Dispatch to have Tremonton Fire Department respond on I-15 for that one mile. Fielding Mayor Earl stated that he thinks we are forgetting the most important issue – what is in the best interest of the patient. Tremonton, going 80 miles an hours down the freeway, will be able to reach the patient fast. Councilmember Dautre commented that it really makes

good sense to have Tremonton cover I-15 – it is the best solution. If response is during a snow storm, it would be difficult to see the mile markers.

Tremonton Fire Chief Batis told the Councils that this year, there has not been very many accidents on the on and off ramps; however, the year before that there were several. Ms. Wilson told the group she thinks they are still going to have the same problem even if we clean up that one mile. When people get in accidents, they do not know where they are so it is difficult to get the correct address response from them. They will tell Dispatch the last mile marker or exit they remember seeing. So Dispatch is left to try to figure it out. We are still going to have the same issues. Tremonton Councilmember Reese told the group that what makes sense to him is that what is best for the Dispatch will be the best decision for all – especially the patient. This is part of the issue.

Ms. Wilson told the group that this is the reason they are here to try to come up with a better solution. She told those present that there are still a couple of issues. When she went to the EMS Bureau, both licenses say they have 15200 North and Highway 30. It was her understanding that when Fielding got their ambulance, Tremonton gave up Highway 30. Is this correct? Mr. Garn stated that Tremonton transports off of Highway 30. Ms. Wilson stated that their licenses are confusing and the street is confusing. Something else that is confusing is that the first ambulance that goes out on Highway 30 is Tremonton. If we need a second ambulance, we page Fielding. If we need a third ambulance, we go back and page Tremonton. These are the things that are confusing on 15200 North and Highway 30. It would really help Dispatch if we could streamline the issue that makes a little more sense.

Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the Councils that when calls are made on the Freeway, we are still going to send two ambulances because our fire coverage is there and it will not change. In Deweyville, we gave up fire coverage so it is all Tremonton. It was Fielding's proposal that it will be all Tremonton or all Fielding. If we need help, we can set up an agreement with Tremonton to ask for help. It is Tremonton's responsibility for ambulance service; however, it is Fielding's responsibility for fire coverage. It was our proposal to clean this up so if it is Fielding's area, they respond and when it is Tremonton's area, they respond. There would be no double paging.

Fire Chief Batis told the group that when it is Tremonton's area on the Freeway, they are proposing that Fielding does not respond. Garland is Tremonton's First Responder. Fielding is creating a problem because they want more territory than less. Fielding goes north and Garland goes south. When Mr. Garn started to discuss fire response, Chief Batis stated that this has nothing to do with fire response, this is EMS.

Ms. Wilson told the group that when they brought in others to discuss the boundaries, it was to clean up the whole area so Dispatch didn't have Tremonton ambulance and Fielding fire like is being discussed. If extrications for Fielding, Garland has to be brought in. Chief Batis commented that extrication is still going to be the same as Fielding Fire Department does not have extrication.

Chief Batis discussed SR38. He told the group that he has letters from Rupp's and a few other home owners because that is within Tremonton's five mile ISO radius – clear to Cedar Ridge. Tremonton was in the process of changing the fire boundaries in that area. The fire area really does not have any bearing in this issue. The State does not determine the fire boundaries. When ISO came a few years ago, supposedly part of Deweyville must have been in Tremonton's area. It was not officially in our area; however, they thought it was so these homes got the insurance break. We have five letters from homeowners that got switched to Fielding. This is not saying that Fielding does not have a good fire department rating; however, their response is outside of the five miles so their ISO fire rating went to a 9. Chief Batis told the group that he has discussed this issue with Commissioners and due to the fact that Tremonton is within a five mile ISO radius, the homeowners would get a better insurance rating and save the homeowners money. To accomplish the change, it is just a matter of getting on the County Commission Agenda.

Fielding Councilmember Matt Petersen told the group that he still thinks we are getting away from the real issue here – patient care. Fielding can be to Riverside Corner in half the time. He has letters from Riverside Corner stating that they want Fielding to respond as they are closer. Patient care is number one and a clear boundary is number two. We are not in this to make money – we are in it for patient care. We are acting like a bunch of dogs here that are trying to protect our fire hydrants. Chief Batis responded that Tremonton is not in the EMS Service to make money. We have already determined that Tremonton and Fielding's patient care is the same. Tremonton has google maps like was shown here by Fielding; however, the issue is response time and proximity of Tremonton EMT/firemen to our station and the proximally of Fielding EMT/firemen to Fielding's station. Ninety percent of the time, Fielding and Tremonton's EMT/firemen are on the scene at the same time. He can show incidents where Tremonton has beat Fielding's response and vise versa where Fielding has beat Tremonton.

Fielding's Mayor Earl told the group that there is still confusion if you use Mile Marker (MM) 93. If you use a mile marker or address there is still going to be confusion. A mile marker is going to be the last thing people remember. They will remember a street address but they will not remember a mile marker. Larry Robinson explained to the group that they will be able to Dispatch correctly if addresses are given. The computer will fix that issue. This will happen on I-15 also. Fielding Councilmember Marsh asked where MM93 is located. Chief Batis told him that it is just a little East of the Malad River. This is the only clear cut marker there is. Discussion followed on how to determine addresses in this area.

Councilmember Doutre told the group that if she was to get in an accident on that road, and she has lived here all her life, she would not be able to tell them an address or mile marker. She would tell Dispatch that she is near the road that goes down to the Old Barn or something like that. This is probably what most people would do. Dispatch would have to figure it out from that. Chief Batis told Councilmember Doutre that cell phones have GPS and they would be able to locate them from that. Ms. Wilson said that this is not exactly true. They could get a broad area and not be able to pinpoint the location. Fielding Councilmember Marsh told the group that if he were in a wreck, he would tell



Dispatch that he was East of Riverside Corner. Most of the time you would not know exactly where. It would be best if Fielding responded to all of SR30 then there would not be a problem.

Tremonton City Councilmember Holmgren told the Councils that he likes to keep it real simple especially with things like this. He prefers real clear cut boundaries. As he looks at Garland's proposal map items 1 and 5, he thinks it would be a clear boundary. He hopes that Fielding and Tremonton are not fighting over turf. He told both Fire Departments that he likes a simple clear boundary.

Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the group that their first responder/fire response is different than their ambulance response area. We are only discussing our ambulance response area. These are different. Councilmember Dautre asked Mr. Garn to clarify this for her. Mr. Garn reported that first responder area is 12000 North on SR38, this is where we show up first and start the medical then Tremonton shows up to transport to take the patient to the hospital. Fielding has all the same stuff as Tremonton does. They show up with an ambulance and all our equipment and wait for Tremonton to show up and transport. It goes under the freeway and north. Mr. Garn stated that regardless of the boundary, our first responder and fire response can remain the same. We want to clean things up so that our ambulance will transport as well as be the first responder. Mr. Garn discussed Tremonton's proposal commenting that they can respond faster as they are closer. He told the group that it does not make sense to leave their ambulance in the station when they are closer to the incident and not respond. It is not the best for the patient. Chief Batis told the group that Garland will be the first responder for Tremonton. Mr. Garn commented that Fielding is closer and at an advanced level where Garland is not even a Basic Level. As a patient, he would not want to sit there longer waiting when Fielding is closer. Discussion followed on who is closer Fielding or Garland.

Chief Batis explained why they were not assigned a fire area. It was because they did not certify on Wild Land Fire Training. Deweyville used to be all Wild Land then the houses came in later. This is the reason that Fielding came in closer on SR38. So naturally, Tremonton did not have a wild land area. Tremonton wild land area is basically the borders of freeways. That is the way first responders were assigned is per fire area. Tremonton gave Fielding a couple of their first responder outfits. They were licensed by Tremonton. It was Tremonton that really helped Fielding get started in the past. Chief Batis commented that first responders are a good thing and we are not saying we want to eliminate them. In Fielding's proposal, they do not list first responders. A big deal is being made about Tremonton not wanting their first responders. If they get the whole area, they will not have first responders either. Three years ago it was brought up why Fielding should have first responders when they have an ambulance service.

Assistant Fire Chief Blair Westergard stated that in regards to ambulance service and first responders, it is very frustrating and is very unhealthy to have both of these services. Whatever is decided here, response for Fielding will be Ambulance Service. It is confusing when you have first responders waiting for transport. It is frustrating for both departments. One thing we have not discussed yet in the meeting is extrication. At this

point, Fielding does not have extrication. This needs to be addressed down the road. The frustrating thing is not that we want them off, it is the boundary.

Councilmember Holmgren asked if Plymouth had extrication. Assistant Fire Chief Westergard reported that they do not. Fielding's Fire Chief reported that Garland Fire Department has extrication equipment and they serve Fielding when extrication is needed. If they have a rollover, Dispatch calls Garland Extrication at the same time they call Fielding Ambulance. If extrication is not needed, Fielding Ambulance lets them know they are not needed. Mr. Westergard told the group that Tremonton's extrication goes with their ambulance.

Mr. Garn replied that this is an issue. On SR 30, you get the Fielding first responders and fire engine, Garland's extrication outfit, and Tremonton Ambulance, Fire Truck and Crash Truck with extrication equipment. This has been an issue which confuses the issue even more. Chief Batis told the group that their medical control requires them to roll their crash truck whenever the ambulance rolls. Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the Councils that extraction is kind of a side note. Garland covers most of our extrication which includes SR30. Assistant Fire Chief Westergard told the Councils that it is not healthy with both departments butting heads. Fielding Fire Chief commented that this is the reason that we need a clear cut boundary so there is no question.

Larry Robinson continued with Tremonton's Proposal and stated that this is the reason that we need clear cut boundaries to clear any confusion. Then each department could work out who they want to respond with them.

Mayor Earl stated that this decision needs to go to the State. What we have here is a clear turf war. Councilmember Reese agreed. He stated that the Councils could put the departments in a box and there would not be a clear decision come out of it. He told the audience that he is glad that both departments have a passion to help someone. At the end of the day, this makes him feel good about the departments.

Councilmember Dautre asked the County representatives if they had any comments on this issue. Randy Parsons Box Elder EMS Council Chairman commented that there is no other department in the County that has first responders with an ambulance service. Fielding is the only agency in the County that has both first responders and an ambulance service. It does create problems.

Chief Batis told the group that when he asked for an extension to make this decision, they told him that the State does not like to make the decision. They prefer the departments to work it out. If we cannot come to a decision, the State will hold a formal hearing with a mediator. Each department will plead their case then they will decide. It costs the departments money.

Jean Bonham, a citizen in attendance, told the group that it doesn't matter where she lives – Fielding or Tremonton, she travels in all of these areas. She is an honest believer that the only predictor of future behavior is past behavior. She has not seen any statistical

information from either side. The EMT's have to get to the station before the mileage starts. I would like to see those statistics before a decision is made. Councilmember Holmgren told the Councils that this was sort of his question from the beginning. The response time to the station is important and he asked if either department has that information available. Fielding is spread out and this information would be important.

Fielding's Fire Chief Richards told Councilmember Holmgren that prior to the Active 911 coming out, what he has seen in the reports that Fielding and Tremonton response is similar – from two to four minutes to be on the phone with Dispatch that we are in route. Active 911 comes on your cell phone anywhere from 60 seconds when your pager goes off. As far as the people on Fielding's Department, there are three maybe four people on the department that live more than a mile away. The majority live right in town two to three blocks away. Treasurer Sharri Oyler asked how many people are on the department. Fire Chief Richards said they currently have over 20. She asked if they were all Advanced EMTs. The answer was no. Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the Councils that Fielding is no different than Tremonton. At any time, people could be spread out all over unless you have someone sitting here full time. There will be a minute or two discrepancies at any given time. Ms. Bonham commented that the State or someone has to keep track of response to the Station, please tell me they do. Mr. Garn said that if it is recorded correctly, you will have statistics from the State.

Councilmember Reese told the Councils that the way the meeting is going, we are going to just keep saying he said – she said. We could stay here all night and not come up with anything.

Mayor Fridal commented that Fielding and Tremonton should be able to come up with a compromise. He told the audience that he could see advantages to both plans. If there is not a reasonable way to come up with a compromise, then we will go with the State. Mayor Fridal told both fire departments that they are reasonable people and they should be able to come up with a solution. Mayor Fridal asked DellRay H. Anderson, M.D. and EMS Medical Director for both Tremonton and Fielding to give them some wisdom.

Dr. Anderson told the Councils that like them, he feels that patient care is the main driving force in this discussion. He said that response times are important; however, boundaries are important too. He said that we need to set reasonable boundaries so that Dispatch knows who to send on an incident. I have heard of cases where one ambulance service has been paged when another service should have been paged. The original service was called off so the correct one could respond. This causes a lot of problems. I do not like that. Dr. Anderson said that if a mistake is made, we should just go with the one that Dispatch called even if it is not correct. We need to set reasonable boundaries. Response times need to be considered. Who can respond to certain areas the fastest with reasonable boundaries set with the best response time should respond. Dr. Anderson said he would like the departments to come to that agreement whatever it is. Time is the most important thing for patient survival. If there is a severe injury, the faster you get them to definitive care at the hospital, the better chance of survival. Even a few minutes can make a big difference of the final outcome. Response time is important along with

reasonable boundaries.

Councilmember Reese suggested that three people out of each department get together and in thirty days and try to come up with a decision between you, if not, we will turn it over to the State. Councilmember Holmgren told the group that he keeps looking at the proposals. He liked Dr. Anderson's comments and boundaries and response time are important. Keeping things simple is the best solution. Discussion followed on boundary areas for the departments. Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the group that Fielding's response time is much faster than Tremonton's response time. Discussion followed with both departments arguing and no decision being made.

8. Discussion, negotiation, and concession on the ambulance service boundaries between Fielding and Tremonton – Elected officials and staff of the Town of Fielding and Tremonton City

Councilmember Doutre tried to get the departments to give and take. She told them that giving Tremonton all of I-15 just makes sense. She then asked what Tremonton is going to give. Discussion from Mr. Garn stated that Tremonton has never gone north. Councilmember Doutre commented that she would like to have Fielding take from I-15 going east to the Cache Valley Boarder. Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn commented that the area going north on I-15 used to be Plymouths. Fielding Mayor Earl interjected that he does not have a problem giving Tremonton I-15 and he does not have a problem with giving Tremonton SR38 to 1200 North. He also stated that he would like Fielding to have all of SR 30 which would avoid the problem with addresses on this road.

Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn told the Council that this does not fix the issue on I-15 with fire coverage. On any wreck, Fielding would respond anyway as it is already mapped for them to respond with a fire truck. Chief Batis told the Councils that the Highway Patrol already has a problem with so many emergency equipment on the freeway. If there isn't a fire, they do not need a fire truck. Tremonton Assistant Fire Chief Westergard said that this could be a problem. Garland may get that fire area.

Ms. Wilson commented that if they leave SR 30 the way it is and they dispatch Tremonton, then Fielding does not complain. If they dispatch Fielding and it is Tremonton's area, then Tremonton does not complain. Discussion followed and Mayor Fridal told the group that they were not getting anything accomplished.

Chief Batis suggested that Tremonton handle all of the I-15 even the on and off Ramps to MM387. Give Fielding all of SR 30 and they split SR 38 at 13700 North which is 50/50.

Fielding Assistant Fire Chief Garn suggested the Fielding still do first responder and fire response on the freeway. This was not agreed on.

Mayor Fridal repeated the proposal as follows:

Tremonton will respond to all of the I-15 even the on and off Ramps to MM387 and Fielding will not respond as first responders or provide fire service in this area. Fielding

will respond to all of SR 30 to the Cache County border. Fielding and Tremonton will split SR 38. Tremonton will respond to Cedar Ridge and up to 13700 North.

**Motion by Councilmember Reese to approve the boundaries as stated by Mayor Fridal.** Second by Councilmember Holmgren. Due to the two Councils making the decision, both Councils and Mayors voted. Vote: Councilmember Dautre – aye, Councilmember Holmgren – aye, Councilmember Reese – aye, Mayor Fridal – aye, Mayor Earl – aye, Councilmember Marsh – aye, Councilmember Peterson – aye, Councilmember Kirt Coombs – aye. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Reese to adjourn the meeting. Second by Fielding Mayor Chuck Earl. Vote: Councilmember Dautre – aye, Councilmember Holmgren – aye, and Councilmember Reese – aye. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed Recorder for Tremonton City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes for the City Council Meeting held on the above referenced date.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Darlene S. Hess, Recorder